

# Urban District Council of Barrowford.

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GISBURN ROAD,

BARROWFORD,

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January 6th, 1908.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BARROWFORD  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my fifteenth Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the district.

During the year ending December 31st, 1907, there have been 70 deaths registered, 36 males and 34 females. This gives an annual death rate of 12.7 per 1,000.

The births registered were 135—69 males and 66 females—giving an annual birth rate of 24.5 per 1,000. The following table shows at what ages the deaths occurred :

Deaths under 1 year.....	20	} under 5 years ..	29
1 year and under 5 years ....	9		
5 years and under 15 years ..	4	} 5 years and over..	41
15 years and under 25 years ...	3		
25 years and under 65 years ...	24		
65 years and over .....	10		

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Total..70

The rate of deaths under 1 year, to 1,000 births, is 148, which is an improvement on last year, when it was 181.

Death rate from the seven principal epidemic diseases, per 1,000 of population—1.09.

I enclose a detailed list of the causes of deaths, and the ages at which they died. Under the "Notification of Infectious Disease Act" there have been notified 59 cases. The cases were as follows :

Diphtheria .....	3
Erysipelas .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	53
Enteric Fever .....	2
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Total ..	59

With reference to the cases of Scarlet Fever they were mostly of a very mild type. Every care was taken to prevent the spread of the disease, the cases being isolated at their homes and disinfectants freely used and the homes fumigated. The main sewers and drains were more frequently flushed with water and disinfectants during the epidemic. All children from infected houses were prevented from attending the day schools, but the Sanitary Authority having no power to close the Sunday Schools precautions could not be taken to prevent the attendance of children at such schools, although the parents were instructed both by the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector to keep the children away from Sunday Schools also during the time of infection. Bills containing suggestions for preventing the spread of disease were distributed and posted throughout the district.

I again recommend the Council the advisability of procuring an apparatus for the disinfection of clothing, etc.

During the year one street has been paved, and 55 yards of flagging were laid ; 88 yards of channelling, and 268 yards of paving. The main sewer has been extended in Gisburn Road for a length of 176 yards of 12-inch pipes. Carr Hall Road has been sewered, comprising 447 yards of 9-inch pipes, and 967 yards of 12-inch pipes.

I again draw the Council's attention to the bad condition of Grove Street and the unpaved portion of Garnett Street.

Throughout the year we have been plentifully supplied with good and pure water from the Nelson Corporation reservoirs.

The district is well drained by pipe sewers and the sewerage disposed of by intermittent downward filtration. The excreta is deposited on farms and the ashes tipped in the district.

The Sanitary Inspector and I have regularly inspected the slaughter-houses. There are five in the district, they are in good order and kept clean, and the ventilation is satisfactory.

The dairies are well kept and the cowsheds are clean, a full report of which was made by the Sanitary Inspector at the end of 1906. The Council now have under consideration the advisability of adopting regulations under the order of the Local Government Board relating to dairies, cowsheds, and milk shops.

The factories and workshops have also been visited by us. The sanitary accommodation at the several factories, with the exception of one or two cases, is satisfactory. Steps are being taken to enforce the provision of the necessary accommodation where not satisfactory.

In the case of three factories notices have been served upon the owners to provide additional means of escape in the event of fire.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK DE B. PIM.

